

REMARKS

In the above-mentioned Office Action, all of the pending claims, claims 1-7, 9-11, and 13-20 were rejected. Claims 1, 2, 4-6, 9-11, 13, 14, and 16-20 were rejected under Section 102(e) over the combination of *Sanchez Ferreras*. And claims 3, 15 and 17 were rejected under Section 103(a) over the combination of *Sanchez Ferreras* and *Aerrabotu*.

Responsive to the rejection of the claims, independent claims 1 and 13 have been amended, as set forth herein, in manners believed better to distinguish the invention of the present application over the cited reference used thereagainst. Amendments made to various of the dependent claims were made responsive to amendment to their parent claim and, in claim 15, to correct an informality.

As now-presented, independent claims 1 and 13, and the remaining dependent claims dependent thereon, are believed to be distinguishable over *Sanchez Ferreras*, taken alone or in combination with *Aerrabotu*.

With respect to claim 1, the recitation of the storage element has been amended, now to recite that the values that together form the roaming network table form entries in which individual ones of the entries are deleted when aged beyond a selected age, and in which the roaming network is accessible to identify the roaming relationships identified therein. The operation of forming in claim 13 has been analogously amended.

Support for the amendments to claims 1 and 13 is found in the specification, for instance, on page 7, lines 17-18, and page 8, lines 28-33.

To the extent that the Examiner asserts that *Sanchez Ferreras* discloses such structure or corresponding method, such assertion is respectfully traversed. While *Sanchez Ferreras* discloses a database 7, and the Examiner relies upon paragraphs 41-44 and 49-55 for showing the storage element at which a roaming network table is formed, *Sanchez Ferreras* fails to disclose a roaming network table whose entries are deleted when aged beyond a selected age. To the contrary, e.g., paragraph 42 indicates that a log table is updated with each network change, and paragraph 55 indicates that entries in the database are deleted when a subscriber returns to his

network. Further clarification is provided in paragraphs 10 and 11 of *Sanchez Ferreras* that indicate that the database is used to store current subscriber location information in the database that is updated when a subscriber enters into a new network and which (paragraph 10) eliminates entry in a database when a terminal has entered into a network.

Sanchez, therefore, neither shows a roaming network table whose entries are deleted when aged beyond a selected age nor a roaming network table that is accessible to identify roaming relationships.

Note is made of the Examiner's reliance upon paragraph 13 with respect to the recitations of claim 11. However, review of this paragraph, particularly when taken in context with paragraph 12, indicates that the unnecessary information that is periodically eliminated pertains to features of foreign networks. The Applicant also notes that periodic elimination of information is different than deletion of entries when aged beyond a selected age.

Aerrabotu was cited merely for showing an IMSI value used as a mobile station identity in GPRS and also fails to disclose the structure, or methodology, recited now in claims 1 and 13, as now-presented.

As the dependent claims include all the limitations of their respective parent claims, these claims are believed to be distinguishable over the cited references, taken alone or in combination, for the same reasons as those given with respect to their parent claims.

In light of the foregoing, independent claims 1 and 13, as now-presented, and the remaining ones of the dependent claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, re-examination and reconsideration for allowance of the claims is respectfully requested. Such early action is earnestly solicited.

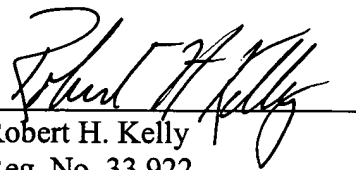
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